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MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government to ascertain which States or regions of the country produce superior quality of medicinal herbs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to conduct any survey in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c): There is no such proposal. However, a study has been conducted for assessment of demand and supply of medicinal plants through Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT), Bangalore. Some of the salient findings of study report are as under:

(i) Forests of States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, H.P., Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttaranchal, Manipur provide larger quantity of raw material of medicinal plants.

(ii) Total consumption of largely traded 117 species of medicinal plants (wild/cultivated) has been assessed to the tune of 1,41,337 MTs.